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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Interdepartmental Coordinating
and Planning Staff

SUBJECT: Interdepartmental Intelligence Production Plan

REFERENCES: a. Your Memorandum, Same Subject as Above, dated
3 October 1947.

Ad hoc Committee Meeting on National Intelligence Surveys, Outline and Format of, dated 16 September 1947.

c. IAB Series.

1. The program for the production of intelligence contained in reference c divides the whole field of intelligence production into four categories, namely:

- a. Basic Intelligence
- b. Current Intelligence
- c. Staff Intelligence
- d. Strategic and National Policy (National) Intelligence

2. Of these four categories, it is considered that only basic intelligence lends itself to the type of control covered in reference a above, at least at this time. As a result of reference c above, a coordinated program is now under way to effect all the procedures outlined in reference a above.

3. Current intelligence is of such a nature that no formal action in addition to that covered in reference c above, is deemed necessary.

4. It is considered, therefore, that the only categories of intelligence requiring further formal coordination at this time are those classified as staff and national (CIA staff) intelligence. Staff intelligence in the final analysis is the responsibility of each intelligence agency to its Chief. This is recognized in paragraph 2g(2) of reference c.

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This is not meant to indicate a belief that there should not be an exchange of staff intelligence or that there is no responsibility of one agency to another for the production of staff intelligence on call, but rather to show a fundamental difference in the nature of basic and staff intelligence, which fact precludes the same type of coordination of the two types of intelligence.

5. It is believed that formal action required at this time is limited to implementation of paragraph 2c(5) of reference c, namely, arranging for the exchange of information on projects and plans for the production of staff intelligence. It is believed that this can be done most effectively by a memorandum similar to reference b, setting up an ad hoc committee under chairmanship of OME.

6. It is the opinion of this office that additional coordination in the staff intelligence field can be gained only gradually and by mutual coordination based upon this proposed initial start of a free exchange of plans in this field.

7. It is recommended that a memorandum similar to Enclosure No. 1 be substituted for the draft memorandum (reference a).


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